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Undergraduate Studies:

Université de Ouagadougou
B.Sc. Macroeconomics, 2008

Graduate Studies:

Université du Québec à Montréal, 2013 to present
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics
Thesis Title: "Three Essays in Development Economics"
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Université du Québec à Montréal,
M.Sc. Financial Economics, 2013

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Teaching and Research Fields:

Primary fields: Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, International Economics

Secondary fields: Microeconomics, Financial Economics, Macroeconomics

Teaching Experience:

2015 – 2017	Microeconomics Analysis, ESG-UQAM, Lecturer (Undergraduate)
2014 – 2018	Econometrics for Finance and Applications, Teaching Assistant for Prof Douglas Hodgson (Graduate)
Winter 2015	Advanced Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant for Prof Pierre Carl Michaud and Prof Marie-Louise Leroux (Graduate)
Winter 2013	Econometrics, Teaching Assistant for Prof Alain Guay (Graduate)

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2014 - 2017	Doctoral Scholarship (ESG3), Department of Economics
2013 - 2014	Scholarship of Excellence, ESG-UQAM
2009 - 2010	DEA-Master Fellowship, University of Ouagadougou

Skills:

Computer Programming: Matlab, Stata, E-views, GAUSS, Latex

Languages: French (native), English (fluent) Moore (native), Dioula (native)

Affiliation: American Economics Association, French Economic Association.

Research Papers:

- “*Financial Development and Capital flows: The Schumpeterian growth on the Allocation puzzle*” (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: We explore the role of financial development on the negative correlation between capital inflows and productivity catch-up. As observed in the data, countries with higher productivity growth rate export capital while countries with lower productivity growth rate receive positive capital inflows; this is contradictory with the predictions of the standard neoclassical growth model. Gourinchas and Jeanne (2013) called this paradox the “Allocation puzzle”. We propose an extension of the puzzle to a larger sample, both for the period and for the countries. We then introduce credit constraint in a calibrated schumpeterian growth model to address this paradox; our main result indicates that, when the level of financial development prevent countries to catch-up the world technological frontier, countries import capital to compensate their domestic saving as they fall behind the frontier.

- “*Impact of financial development on convergence: A panel Approach*”

Abstract: We empirically analyze the effect of financial development on convergence. We use cross-country and GMM panel data estimation to evaluate the theoretical model developed by Aghion, Howitt and Mayer-Foulkes (2005). Our IV and GMM dynamic panel estimations corroborate both theoretical and empirical findings of the authors and suggest a positive but vanishing effect of financial development on growth. When we group countries according to their level of financial development, we observe a positive effect for countries with level of financial development. The effect disappears for countries with medium and high level of financial development. We also find a negative effect of capital inflows on convergence only for countries with low level of financial development. Therefore, we stress the start point for a growth model which could explain the relationship financial development and capital inflows.

- “*Determinants of Capital inflows in Developing Countries: A Dynamic Panel Empirical Investigation*” (**in progress**)